



**The Ontario Wine Society Presents
Niagara Chapter's**

Annual Social Event
Annual General Meeting & Amazing Wine Race
at Stonechurch Vineyards

Saturday, March 26, 2011

\$ 25 Members

\$ 35 Non-Members

Stonechurch Vineyards

1242 Irvine Rd., Niagara on the Lake

6:30pm – Reception, 7:00pm – Social

Come out and enjoy this year's Social and the Amazing Wine Race at Stonechurch

Vineyards! At the suggestion of our members, we have decided to change up the Social wine competition to include **all** who come! At this interactive Wine Competition, you will be put into teams of 6 to 8 people to collectively answer wine trivia questions and identify samples of wines carefully chosen from our OWS Niagara Chapter cellar. Every participant in each team will win a prize! Put your wine knowledge to work for your team! **Please note that this year's Social is being held as an evening event.**

The Hunse Family, the owners and operators of Stonechurch, have farmed at the current location of their winery since 1955. From humble beginnings, two young Dutch immigrants, Lambert and Grace Hunse, grew the business, taking the farm through multiple phases. In 1989, Stonechurch Vineyards emerged from Hunse Farms as a small winery. Lambert and Grace retired in 1995, and their son, Rick, took over the business. He expanded the winery, acquired more land, built a new retail store, and improved the overall appeal to their guests. Tragically, Rick passed away in 2005. In the intervening time, Lambert and Grace came out of retirement, and Hank, the elder son, agreed to return to the farm after a 30 year hiatus. In the past three years, Stonechurch Vineyards has undergone some substantial changes. Ray Cornell is the new winemaker, they invested heavily in new harvesting equipment, as well as wine-making equipment. All of these changes have markedly improved the quality of the wines, so much so that they now make wines for other wineries as well.

Afterwards, we will mingle, eat tasty nibbles, and sample a variety of wines from the OWS Niagara Chapter cellars. And, as an added bonus, **all** who attend our Social will receive a collectable OWS Anniversary glass! **This promises to be an exciting evening!**

In addition, this is the day of our Annual General Meeting and election, so if you're interested in helping out on the executive, email or call Sharon to inform her (905-719-4402 or s_marksrn@yahoo.com).

Directions: Stonechurch Vineyards - Take Glendale Ave exit off QEW. Turn **left** onto York Rd. Turn **right** onto Niagara Stone Rd. Turn **slight left** onto Stewart Rd. Turn **right** onto Lakeshore Rd. Turn **right** onto Irvine Rd. The winery is located at 1242 Irvine Rd.

To register for this event, fill out and mail in the form below.

Registration Form

Members \$25, Non-Members \$35. Members may bring one guest at member price. Your cheque must be **received** by Monday, March 21, 2011. Cancellations will be accepted up to Monday, March 21, 2011. Please do not mail cash. Seats will not be sold at the door. **Please Note: Vouchers will not be accepted for this event.** *Although we appreciate knowing your intentions, receipt of your cheque is the only way to guarantee a reservation, so please be sure to mail in your registration forms early as reservations are not accepted by phone or email.*

Please reserve _____ space(s) for the *Annual Social Event - at Stonechurch Vineyard Winery – Saturday, March 26, 2011.* Enclosed is my cheque for \$_____. (Please make cheque payable to "The Ontario Wine Society - Niagara Chapter" - **Vouchers will not be accepted for this event**). Please contact me at _____ to confirm your receipt of this cheque.

Please print:

MEMBER NAME(S): _____

INDUSTRY MEMBER AFFILIATION?: _____

GUEST NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE:(DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY - I, for myself, my heirs or assigns, and my guests for whom I accept complete responsibility, hereby release and forever discharge and indemnify the Ontario Wine Society (OWS), its executive, all members and their guests, from any and all damages, claims and actions relating to OWS activities, at Society functions or on Society grounds. I certify that I, and my guests, are 19 years of age or older.

**Please mail to: The Ontario Wine Society - Niagara Chapter.
c/o S. Couch, 4850 Cherrywood Dr., Beamsville, ON., L0R 1B9**

